

The Global South Visitors' Programme

The Global South Visitors' Programme provides an opportunity for promising and leading scholars working on the Global South to visit the University of Helsinki. It is intended to strengthen the Global South theme of the Helsinki Institute of Sustainability Science (HELSUS). <https://www.helsinki.fi/en/helsinki-institute-of-sustainability-science/global-south>

Visitors are encouraged to identify one of the scholars in the various research groups in the HELSUS Global South theme as their host. S/he will also become the point of contact for the University of Helsinki. The Helsinki School of Critical Urban Studies <https://blogs.helsinki.fi/alternatives/about/>

is particularly keen to welcome visitors working on the social sustainability of urban transformation in the Global South. The group also welcomes expressions of interest from those researching the political economy of cities, development, underdevelopment, climate policies in the Global South, sustainable food systems and use of natural resources, indigenous studies as well as alternative sustainable development.

To realise the aspirations of the Global South Visitors' Programme, the research and teaching interests of hosts need to be well aligned with those of visitors. Not only are visitors required to present a clear plan of activities, they are expected to offer feasible programmes of action on how to achieve their plans during their stay. Depending on how long they are visiting, they could contribute to the *Edinburgh Studies in Urban Political Economy* <https://edinburghuniversitypress.com/series-edinburgh-studies-in-urban-political-economy.html>, the book series run by members of the Global South Group and published by the Edinburgh University Press in the UK. The visit could be used to develop and defend book ideas, but it can also be spent completing commissioned studies in the series. Chapters in such books could be presented in a range of lectures, seminars, and group discussions. Relevant courses for such lectures include Theories of Development, Grand Problems in Social Theory, Cities in the Global South, The Land Question and Sustainable Development and various Thesis seminars. The HELSUS Global South Encounters <https://www.helsinki.fi/en/helsinki-institute-of-sustainability-science/helsus-global-south-encounters>, a much wider platform, can also be used to develop and defend emerging scholarly findings, syntheses, and arguments.

Short-term visitors may use their visit to develop sole or joint papers with their host and/or other members of the research groups in the Global South. Such papers can also be presented at The HELSUS Global South Encounters.

Benefits

Based on the outcome of the negotiation with the host, Visitors to the Global South theme could have the possibility to use HELSUS office space and facilities. They are entitled to world class university library resources too. As guests to the University of Helsinki, they can – with prior arrangements – use the various seminar platforms of

the university. HELSUS offers the additional privilege of its convening power to its visitors.

Although visitors are not paid, these resources can significantly facilitate world-class research, which could enable the visitors to seek their own funding either in Finland or abroad. Their hosts can work with them for this purpose. Some past visitors have benefitted from university housing, but this privilege is extended at the discretion of the University of Helsinki.

Past Visitors (Selected)

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